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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Security overkill?

Security in the 400 Area has gone beyond reasonable-ness and is approaching a level of paranoia that is not only a gross misuse of taxpayer funds but is a hindrance to the efficient performance of the staff.

At some level we should be able to tell the persons responsible for the continuing escalation of requirements that they have far exceeded any real or perceived threat level. I personally don't know at what level this is accomplished. Everyone here just shrugs and says, "It's security."

Kevin Russell
Fluor Hanford

Rumbling on

We know that the rumble strips work because there haven't been any accidents at the barricades since they were installed ("Rumble strips help prevent accidents," *Hanford Reach*, March 17).

I had a deer run into the side of my vehicle on the 200 East hill. And since I have installed those deer whistles on my automobile, I haven't had a deer run into my vehicle. So I know that the deer whistles work! Maybe if we had some of those rumble strips on the 200 East hill I would have been traveling slow enough to avoid the deer.

As for the rumble strips slowing you down, I have found that the faster I drive, the less bumpy the ride and the shorter the duration. Raised speed bumps will certainly slow you down. Or wider and deeper grooves than are presently in existence will slow you down. *Oops!* Maybe I shouldn't have made any suggestions.

Instead of punishing those who do wrong, or devising a solution that will solve the problem without creating other problems, we tend to make others suffer also. That is like spanking all of your children for what one does wrong! *Oops!* Maybe I shouldn't have mentioned spanking either.

John Faulkner
Fluor Hanford

Quit your whining

This letter concerns the two letters to the *Hanford Reach*, "Getting in the groove" (March 3) and "Commute is tough on cars" (March 10) about grooving the pavement at various places on the Hanford Site last year. I hope this will clear up John Faulkner and Howard Keck's questions.

Last winter I was heading north on Route 3 in very foggy and dark conditions. I was traveling at a reasonable speed and watching for the lights of the Hanford Weather Station because I knew the intersection would come soon after that. But I could not see the lights. The next thing I knew, I was skidding right through the T-intersection of Routes 3 and 11A. (In case you are not familiar with that intersection, it is down the road from the Hanford Weather Station.) Realizing that I could not make it, I proceeded to "thread the needle" through the power pole guy wire and the signs on the other side of the road. I went out through the sagebrush, periodically airborne.

This intersection has been the site of two rollovers — one with injury during good conditions and one in icy conditions. Other people have done exactly the same thing I did under similar conditions. One time the guy wire for the power pole was hit and power to the 200 West Area was knocked out.

In response to the accidents at this intersection, signs were moved further back and rumble strips were added. It was the best thing that could be done.

If the rumble strips had been there before, I would not have had to get my truck realigned and the seats cleaned.

Maybe you should quit whining and think about the lives and injuries that may be saved because we now have somewhat safer roads.

At the Hanford Fire Department, where I work, we do not enjoy hauling people to the hospital.

Dennis Demitruk
Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

Hanford Technical Library demonstrations

The Hanford Technical Library staff members will present the following demonstrations:

- Electronic Chemical Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and

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Handbooks — Wednesday, March 26, 12 to 1 p.m., Nez Perce Room in Sigma V. The library staff will show you the electronic products aimed at making chemical research easier. Featured items will be the new electronic edition of the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* and *The Combined Chemical Dictionary*, the Kirk-Othmer *Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology* (4th Edition) and *Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry*. Contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov for more information.

- How to Find Information on the Internet — Thursday, March 27, 1 to 1:50 p.m., classroom 29 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The library staff will show you how to tunnel through mountains of information and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.
- Engineering Resources — Thursday, March 27, 2 to 2:50 p.m., classroom 29 at HAMMER. You will learn how to locate and retrieve journal articles, conference papers, standards, reports, and other information from the Hanford Technical Library from your desktop. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.
- Technical Reports Databases — Thursday, March 27, 3 to 3:50 p.m., classroom 29 at HAMMER. The library staff will show you the databases that specialize in technical reports so you can locate reports from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and other Hanford Site contractors. Contact Karen Buxton at 372-7451 or at karen.buxton@pnl.gov for more information.

AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high

school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

Donate blood March 25

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at 2261 Stevens Drive for a blood drive on March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment to give blood, contact Kelly Layfield at 376-6785.

City University holds open house March 27

City University will hold an open house on Thursday, March 27, 5-7 p.m. The open house is an opportunity for current and prospective students to meet with department representatives and faculty and to learn about the various services available at City University. The address is 303 Bradley Blvd., Suite 202, Richland. The City University campus is located at the north end of the golf course at Comstock and George Washington Way. Call 943-9887 for more information.

Conference for office professionals April 15-16

Registration is open now through April 8 for the 17th Annual Hanford Office Professionals Training and Development Conference, April 15-16 at the Royal Hotel (formerly the Tower Inn) on George Washington Way in Richland. The two-day conference has identical programs each day to allow flexibility in scheduling companies and participants. "Learning Curve for a Lifetime" is the conference theme. JoAnne Nai-che of nai-che & associates, inc., will provide the morning motivation; Scott Lerch of Microsoft will discuss smart living in the digital decade; Kathy Dechter will punch up your punctuation; and Barry Weaver of the U.S. Department of Energy will "Lighten up" the afternoon. The conference can accommodate up to 200 participants each day. Limited seating is available for each company, so register early. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hanford.gov/misc_info/professional/index.html. The conference is hosted by Fluor Federal Services and Eberline Services Hanford.

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May 10 golf tournament to benefit Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council is holding the Fourth Annual Girl Scout Golf Classic Tournament on May 10 at the Tri-City Country Club in Kennewick. The Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council supports programs for girls — camps, sports activities, cultural and science and engineering events — in more than 14 counties in Washington and northern Oregon, including the Tri Cities.

The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$100 per player, \$400 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded. A silent auction will be held. For more information, call the council office at 783-7721.

Fish-tagging crew wanted at Hanford town site

A crew of four to six people (over age 16) is needed for up to 12 days starting approximately May 12 to assist the Yakama Indian Nation in tagging 200,000 juvenile wild fall chinook salmon at the old Hanford town site at Hanford. No prior experience is necessary. Wages are \$9.50 per hour. Weekend work may be required. For further information, please contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at (503) 238-3566 or via e-mail at tagfish@critfc.org.

'Healthy Ways to Healthy Days' seminar in April

The CH2M HILL Hanford Group Administrative Accident Prevention Council and the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation are sponsoring a "Healthy Ways to Healthy Days" information seminar to be held in April. The seminar will cover topics such as improved health, good nutrition, good sleep habits and exercise. Alanna Brandon of HEHF will demonstrate exercises that can be done in the office to relieve stress and to help with ergonomics. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 2440 Stevens, room 1305-ABC, 3-4 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 9, in the 200 East Area, 2704-HV, room G-206, 1-2 p.m.

Stargazers welcome at Astronomy Club April 4

The Tri-City Astronomy Club will sponsor a public star gaze on April 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. in Lynwood Loop

Park in north Richland. Club members will have telescopes set up to view the moon, Jupiter, Saturn, and other celestial objects. The planet Mercury may be visible to those who come early — just after the 6:30 p.m. sunset. Families and children are welcome. If it is cloudy, the club will reschedule for the next night, at the same time and location. For more information, contact Roy Gephart at roy.gephart@pnl.gov or at 376-1421.

April 8 AQP/ASQ meeting features ISO 14000

At the April 8 meeting of the local Association for Quality and Participation and the American Society for Quality at the Richland Shilo Inn, James L. Smith and Dominic Canazaro of Bechtel National will discuss International Standards Organization 14000 — why it was developed, its benefits, and what ISO 14000 can teach quality professionals. Check-in and networking start at 5:30 p.m., the buffet dinner is at 6, and the presentation is at 7. The cost is \$16 for AQP and ASQ members, \$18 for non-members, or \$5 for presentation only. Make your reservation by April 3. Call 372-1442, send an e-mail to lynn_l_gates@rl.gov, or register via the AQP chapter's Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>. Click on "What's Next" for additional information about the program, speakers and the dinner menu.

NMA Fashion Show scheduled for April 24

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will hold a fashion show and wine-tasting on April 24 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland to raise funds to support community youth programs such as the Boys and Girls Club, Mid-Columbia Science Camp, Crystal Apple Awards, Washington Business Week, Partners and Pals, Junior Achievement and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The social begins at 7 p.m. and the fashion show is 7:30-8:30. Wine-tasting will precede and follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$15 for the fashion show only, \$25 for the fashion show and wine-tasting, and \$10 for donation and an opportunity to win door prizes. Contact Brenda Pangborn at 372-3841 or Karen Welsh at 376-2151 to purchase tickets.

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Volunteers needed to judge student business projects

Judges are needed to judge Pasco High School students' business projects during Enterprise 2003, May 1 and 2. Enterprise 2003 is a week-long program in which all Pasco High School juniors form mock companies and learn to make decisions about product development, marketing and finances. Volunteers are needed to judge marketing presentations on May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Trade, Recreation and Agricultural Center in Pasco; stockholder presentations on May 2, 8-10:30 a.m. at Pasco High School; and trade shows May 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at TRAC. For more information, contact Kelly Greenhalgh at 547-5581, ext. 4612. ♦

CLASSES



CBC offers CAD courses

Columbia Basin College is offering computer-aided drafting courses in the spring quarter beginning March 31, on weekdays from 6 to 10 p.m. AutoCAD I will be offered on Tuesdays, AutoCAD II will be offered Thursdays and 3-D will be offered Mondays.

For more information, call Steve Jette at 547-0511, ext. 2274, or send an e-mail message to Paige Wyatt at pwyatt@cbc2.org.

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Primavera Project Planning**
P-3 601 — March 24-26
P-3 602 — March 27
P-3 603 — March 28

Office XP classes are now available. For more information call 375-0414.

MicroShield course offered May 6-8

Project Enhancement Corporation will conduct a MicroShield course, all-inclusive level, at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center May 6-8. MicroShield is used for analysis involving gamma and X-ray radiation. The software

has been applied to problems involving shielding design, waste calculations, decontamination effectiveness, source inference, ALARA decisions and many other situations where exposure of personnel or equipment is to be analyzed. The cost is \$1,050 per participant. The course offers 10 continuing education credits for certified health physicists in the recertification program. To register or for more information, contact Yvonne Miller at (240) 686-3059 or at ymiller@pec1.net. ♦

BRAVO



CH2M HILL Hanford Group announces award winners

The CH2M HILL Hanford Group Employee Recognition Council honored January and February performance award winners during a luncheon held March 26 in the 200 East Area.

For the month of January, **Scott Sutton** was the individual winner in the safety category, and the team of **Steve Chapman, Dan Niebuhr, Loyd Petty, Mike Sumsion, Scott Sutton** and **Ron Wright**, plus the team of **Tom Ardamica, Darin Ebberson, John Senger, John Lund, B.J. Dabling, Bill Guidice** and **Glenda Davis** also won in the safety category.

January winners in the individual category were **Jason Green, David Kummer, Mary Van Dorn, Donna Serrano** and **Jerry Borrowman**. Winning in the team category was the team of **Dan Garza, Dave Kirby, Chad Whiting, Teresa Brighton, Debbie Fish, Mark Sims** and **Ron Klein**.

For the month of February, **Jeff Marks** was the individual winner in the safety category, and the team of **Ed Caraway, Tim Nearing, Alicia Galliher, Dale Lunceford, Verne Farley** and **Troy Taylor** also won in the safety category.

Other individual February winners were **Odexter Robinson, Mike Haggerty, Howie Humphrey, Tom Ardamica, Dave Braun, Merilynn Erhart, Jennifer Simon** and **Susan Harrington**. The team of **Steve Davis, Lou Morales, Sallie Ham-Huebner, Jesse Perez, Chuck Peoples, Vince Rhodes** and **Chris Parmentier** won in the team category.

Nomination forms are available on Site Forms: A-6001-358. ♦

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NEWSBRIEFS

Changes in bottled water orders effective April 1

Effective April 1, orders for bottled water and other related products from Paradise Bottled Water Company must be made through the Paradise Bottled Water Company Web site and with a P-Card as the payment method. The last day to order these products in BMS PassPort is Wednesday, March 26. Any orders you enter in BMS PassPort after this date will be canceled, and you will be contacted and asked to reorder on the Paradise Web site. You can log onto the Paradise Bottled Water Company Web site at http://www.paradiseinc.biz/secure_html/public/login.php now to obtain your user ID and password. For more information, call the Special and Stores Delivery Transportation Services contact, Jinny Howser, at 376-6306, or send an e-mail message to ^Bottled Water. For general product and user process questions, contact Chris Hopkins at 372-0286 or Rita Magnaghi at 373-0323, or send an e-mail message to ^eStore Support.

Hanford employees can buy WattStoppers™ for home use

Hanford employees can purchase Isole's WattStopper™ power strips (see *Hanford Reach* issues of March 3, "Saving Power" and Feb. 10, "Energy-saving power strips available on site at no cost") for use at home at a special discounted price. Through June 30, employees may order the units by calling (800) 323-9371, ext. 528, and asking for Lisa Bishop, inside sales associate for the western region. Callers must identify themselves as Hanford employees and Bishop will process the order on the phone with a credit card as payment. The price is \$50 per unit, discounted from the regular price of \$90. The offer is limited to three units per household.

Interested in serving on the Hanford Advisory Board?

The Hanford Tri-Party agencies (the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology) are seeking applications or nominations for two "public at-large" positions on the Hanford Advisory Board. The HAB provides advice and recommendations to the Hanford Tri-Party agencies on issues relating to the cleanup of the Hanford Site.

For more information about the vacancies and application process, or about the Hanford Advisory Board, visit the Nuclear Waste Programs Web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/index.html# hab>.

Free bicycle safety checks at Hanford Health and Safety Expo

Richland Schwinn & Trek will be providing FREE bicycle safety checks at the 2003 Hanford Health and Safety Expo Bike Rodeo on May 6 and 7, 3:30 to 6:30p.m. ♦



Tuesday night golf at West Richland still has openings

The Tuesday night golf league at the West Richland golf course, which is open to all Hanford employees, retirees, family members and guests, still has some openings. The league will run from April 1 to Sept. 9. There is a one-time entry fee of \$20. Weekly greens fees for nine holes are \$9 and \$8.50 for seniors (over age 55). Cart rental is \$10. Weekly prizes are given for KP, long drive, least putts and net quota points for each flight. Contact Leroy Kelsch at 376-4375 or Joe Quinn at 373-4428 for entry forms and more information. ♦



VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

KENNEWICK

Vanpool No. 97 has an opening for one 8x9 rider. Leaves from Shopko in Kennewick with a pick up at the Federal Building in Richland and drops off 2750-E and 2704-HV. Rate as low as \$54.20 per month. Call **Mike Bryden** at 373-4624. 3/24

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8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 3/24

Vanpool No. 183 from Richland Wye to 100K is seeking riders and backup drivers, 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Leaves the Richland Wye Park 'n Ride and makes one stop at the West Richland Bypass Highway exit. Drops off at 100K central parking lot by MO-500. Contact **Amy Hay** at 373-9962, or at 528-0477 (cell phone). 3/17

Megavan No. 181 to 100K has openings. Picks up at the Ben Franklin Transit lot on Columbia Drive in Richland and the former Hanford bus lot. Drops off at MO-293, MO-500, and MO-401 at 100K. The best ride in the fleet to and from work. Contact **Ginger Petaschnick** at 372-2820. 3/17

WEST RICHLAND

Van No. 120 on 8x9s is looking for two riders. Van leaves at 6:10 a.m. from Flat Top Park for the following locations: 272-AW, MO-273, 2750, 272-B and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. Sit back and enjoy the ride and keep your gas bill down. 3/17

ZILLAH

Looking for a vanpool or carpool from Zillah area to 100K, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Will also consider catching a ride with a van or car coming from Yakima/Moxee areas. Contact **Nancy Zeuge** by e-mail or at 373-3651. 3/24 ♦